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H. R. 5586

To authorize the negotiation of a Free Trade Agreement with the Republic of Singapore, and to provide for expedited congressional consideration of such an agreement.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 27, 2000

Mr. KNOLLENBERG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To authorize the negotiation of a Free Trade Agreement with the Republic of Singapore, and to provide for expedited congressional consideration of such an agreement.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “United States-Singa-
5 pore Free Trade Agreement Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. NEGOTIATION OF A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH**
2 **SINGAPORE.**

3 Subject to section 3, the President is authorized to
4 enter into a trade agreement with Singapore to seek the
5 elimination of tariff and nontariff barriers in order to
6 achieve more open market access, on a reciprocal basis,
7 to internationally traded goods and services. Such agree-
8 ment should address the following:

9 (1) National treatment and market access for
10 agricultural and industrial products.

11 (2) Rules for determining which goods originate
12 in the territory of the United States and Singapore.

13 (3) Customs procedures that facilitate trade
14 and collection of trade statistics, while ensuring the
15 validity of claims for preferential treatment.

16 (4) Science-based, nondiscriminatory sanitary,
17 phytosanitary, and technical standards, including
18 voluntary standards.

19 (5) Government procurement procedures.

20 (6) National treatment and rights of establish-
21 ment for foreign direct investors.

22 (7) National treatment and market access for
23 traded services, including consumption of services
24 abroad, cross-border provision of services, rights of
25 establishment of commercial presence, and the move-
26 ment of natural persons.

1 (8) Protection of intellectual property.

2 (9) Transparency of legal and regulatory re-
3 gimes.

4 (10) Measures to promote electronic commerce.

5 **SEC. 3. INTRODUCTION AND FAST TRACK CONSIDERATION**
6 **OF IMPLEMENTING BILL.**

7 (a) PERMISSIBLE CONTENT IN IMPLEMENTING LEG-
8 ISLATION.—A bill to implement a trade agreement de-
9 scribed in section 2 shall contain provisions that are nec-
10 essary to implement the trade agreement.

11 (b) APPLICABILITY OF FAST TRACK PROCEDURES.—
12 Section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2191)
13 is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “section 2
15 of the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agree-
16 ment Act of 2000,” after “the Omnibus Trade and
17 Competitiveness Act of 1988,”; and

18 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “or section
19 282 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act,” and
20 inserting “, section 282 of the Uruguay Round
21 Agreements Act, or section 2 of the United States-
22 Singapore Free Trade Agreement Act of 2000,”.

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